

LONG DEBATE, BUT NO FINAL ACTION

Senate and House Still at Work on Convention Bills.

THE HOUSE HAS A NEW BILL.

Courts Committee Reports a Measure, but It Is Not Finally Acted On. Senate Has Not Decided Question of Submission.

No marked headway was made by the General Assembly yesterday in the work of completing a bill arranging for the Constitutional Convention.

The House Committee for Courts of Justice reported the amended bill providing for 100 members and 4 additional ones to be chosen from sections of the State showing great increase in population since the last census.

But the Senate only voted down, after prolonged debate, all amendments and unequivocally declaring in favor of submitting the new Constitution to popular vote. It is very probable that the Senate will pass the bill today providing for a convention of 90 members, and that the work of the body shall be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection.

The House debated its bill at some length, but finally became tied up on a parliamentary point, and adjourned without doing anything.

The usual number of private, or local, bills were passed by each House. Further than indicated, the day was featureless.

The Day in the Senate.

The Senate went to work without the preliminary prayer, and Clerk Burton lost no time in attacking a large pile of bills sent over from the House.

When the House bill, authorizing a dispensary for the sale of liquor in the Eastern Magisterial District, Southampton county, Mr. Morris opposed, declaring it was time to call a halt in this matter of establishing liquor dispensaries. Mr. Lyle also opposed, and Mr. Eggleston advocated the measure.

Mr. Saunders, in a brief statement, told the Senate that the dispensary established at Franklin by the last General Assembly, had proven a great boon to his people. He was impassioned in his plea for the bill giving the county another dispensary.

The motion to put the bill on the calendar carried.

A bill to establish a liquor dispensary in Mecklenburg county, was also put on the calendar.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Cogbill—To amend and re-enact a bill to declare certain streams in Powhatan county highways.

By Mr. Lyle—To provide what evidence may be considered by the Appellate Court.

By Mr. Maynard—To incorporate the Virginia Equipment Company.

By Mr. Floyd—To allow Mr. S. Cahoon, late treasurer of Botetourt county, further time to make settlement and return delinquent tax bills.

By Mr. Maynard—To incorporate the Norfolk County Railway Company.

By Mr. James—To prevent any undue preference by railroad and other common carriers doing business in the State in favor of any persons or corporations.

By Mr. Lyle—For the relief of Wilmer Hodgson, of Roanoke city.

HOUSE BILLS PASSED.

A bill authorizing the Council of Norfolk to issue bonds not exceeding \$500,000.

To incorporate the town of South Hill, Mecklenburg county.

To extend the powers of the People's Telephone Company.

To incorporate the Greene County Telephone Company.

To authorize Franklin, in Southampton county, to issue bonds.

To authorize the city of Bristol to issue bonds for water-works.

To amend the road law of Montgomery county.

To authorize the School Board of Catawba District, in Culpeper county, to fund its bonds.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

Enabling the Presbyterian Church of Brunswick county to make good title to its property.

To amend the act establishing a corporation court in the city of Bristol; Senator Steele patron.

Authorizing supervisors of Nottoway to increase salary of court judge; Senator Steele patron.

To provide method by which money appropriated by supervisors of Rockingham shall be paid by county treasurer.

To authorize town of Hampton to issue bonds; Senator Steele patron.

To amend charter of Home for Needy Confederate Women.

To authorize and empower the King's Daughters' Hospital of the city of Staunton to issue bonds.

To provide for the State to United States Government to erect a building at Charlottesville.

To incorporate the Lewis Ginter Land and Improvement Company.

To authorize J. W. Harvey to erect a breakwater in Rappahannock river.

To incorporate the Virginia Artesian

To Mothers of Large Families.

In this workaday world few women are so placed that physical exertion is not constantly demanded of them in their daily life.

Mrs. Pinkham makes a special appeal to mothers of large families whose work is never done, and many of whom suffer, and suffer for lack of intelligent aid.

To women, young or old, rich or poor, Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., extends her invitation of free advice. Oh, women! do not let your lives be sacrificed when a word from Mrs. Pinkham, at the first approach of



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weakness, may fill your future years with healthy joy.

"When I began to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was not able to do my housework. I suffered terribly at time of menstruation. Several doctors told me they could do nothing for me. Thanks to Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine I am now well, and can do the work for eight in the family."

"I would recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all mothers with large families."—Mrs. CARRIE BELLEVILLE, Ludington, Mich.

Water Company.

PENITENTIARY COMMITTEE.

On motion of Mr. Le Cato, the Senate refused to concur in the House amendments to the joint resolution providing a commission to investigate and report as to conditions in the State penitentiary. The House reduced the membership of the commission from 8 to 5.

Mr. James presented a bill to prohibit undue preferences by railroad and other common carriers in this State in favor of any person or locality.

Mr. James made an earnest plea to have the bill placed on the calendar, but Mr. Maynard insisted that it be sent to the Committee on Roads, which was done.

CONVENTION DEBATE.

The Senate took up the Constitutional Convention bill at 1 o'clock and devoted the remainder of the session to its discussion.

Mr. Tyler offered an amendment, the substance of which was expressed as follows: "It shall convention shall agree upon an amended constitution on or before the 5th day of October, 1901, and shall decide to submit the amended constitution to the qualified voters of the Commonwealth for ratification or rejection."

Mr. Eggleston opened the debate in a speech in advocacy of his amendment offered Thursday, which left the convention free to decide whether the amended Constitution should be submitted to popular vote. He declared he was the last man on earth to want a party pledge broken; he did not think its resolution would violate the Norfolk pledge. He declared the Democrats of the Virginia Legislature were not the keepers of the conscience of the Democratic party of the State. The Legislature did not have the power to bind the people, and he was perfectly willing to have the amendment made.

Mr. Eggleston thought that if the convention's work were to be submitted at the November election the people would not have sufficient time to study its provisions. He declared that the provision to have the convention set during the heated season, made it certain that the members would experience so much discomfort that they could not work to advantage.

He declared there was danger that men who would lose place by reason of a revised constitution, and those persons disfranchised by it, would unite to defeat it. There was also danger that powerful corporate interests would also ally themselves with the two classes named, and that the three united might prove powerful enough to defeat it. He wanted to know why, if the Norfolk declaration to submit the constitution to the people was a binding, the Legislature did not say that the descendants of no man who could vote in 1861 should be disfranchised? The Norfolk convention had said that.

JUDGES AND THE NIGGERS.

Mr. Barksdale spoke briefly in favor of an unequivocal declaration in favor of submitting the constitution to popular vote. No matter what was the language of the Norfolk platform, or what construction it were sought to place upon it, the people thought they were to be allowed to vote on.

"The gentleman from Charlotte (Mr. Eggleston) seems to think the county judges and the niggers will make a combination which the friends of constitutional reform cannot overcome. All I want to say is that if the judges and the niggers get in the wagon together, and the worse for the wagon." (Laughter.)

Mr. Barksdale said he didn't want to go into a game of blind man's bluff and draw out of both hands. He declared that it was to be submitted to the people. He declared he had been shocked by the declaration made on the floor of the Senate that property, as well as people, should be represented.

He declared that the State knew what was good for them they would oppose having this Constitution voted on by the people," he said.

A SHARP PASSAGE.

At the conclusion of Mr. Barksdale's speech, Mr. Eggleston arose and promptly seconded the nominations made by Mr. Barksdale of William J. Bryan for the Presidency and W. P. Barksdale to succeed himself in the State Senate. "That's the best thing you have done in a long time," retorted Mr. Barksdale, and there was uproarious laughter at the expense of the Charlotte Senator.

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guing that the Legislature could not bind the Constitutional Convention. "I am perfectly willing," said Mr. Tyler, "that if the question were simply for us to decide, I should say submit the Constitution to the popular vote. We should not place on our shoulders responsibilities which do not belong there."

Mr. Bruce seldom speaks; he is an excellent speaker; his speech was one of the best delivered during the Constitutional Convention debate.

THE VOTING.

At 2:35 o'clock a vote was taken on Mr. Harvey's amendment providing that the matter of submitting the Constitution to the people be decided at the next session of the General Assembly. It was lost by a vote of 23 yeas; 5 yeas—Messrs. Blakey, Dinwiddie, Harvey, James and Lyle.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Tyler's amendment, providing that if the convention should decide to submit the Constitution, it should be voted on at the November election, 1901. The vote resulted—19 yeas, 7 yeas.

The vote was next taken on Mr. Eggleston's amendment, which proposed to leave it optional with the convention as to whether the convention should submit—Yeas, 8; noes, 15.

The Senate refused to reconsider the vote by which Mr. Eggleston's amendment was rejected, and adjourned at 3:20 o'clock to meet at 11 A. M. to-day.

Work of the House.

Speaker Saunders called the House to order at 11 o'clock. Under the amended rule, and prayer was offered by Rev. R. P. Kerr. Hon. George W. Settle, of Rappahannock, who has been detained at home on account of illness in his family, since the extra session convened, was in his seat for the first time yesterday, and was warmly greeted by his colleagues.

Hon. J. R. Horsley, of Appomattox, and John E. Epps, of Richmond, were also present. Hon. J. R. Horsley, recovered from recent attacks of sickness.

Hon. T. Weldon Berry, former member of the House from Stafford and King George, was on the floor, mingling with his old friends and acquaintances.

Also, Colonel James Mann, former member from Nottoway and Amelia.

A bill, offered by Mr. Waring, regulating the sale of cider in Essex was opposed by Mr. Folkes, of Richmond, on the ground that it was against the rights of the "cold-water people" of the State.

Mr. Folkes contended for the passage of the measure, and said some of the worst rows that had occurred in Essex in recent years had their origin in the sale of cider.

Mr. Folkes replied at some length and said it was against the good morals of the State to compel a man who wanted a glass of cider to go into a bar-room to get it.

Mr. Whitehead, of Norfolk, made a strong speech for the bill, at the request of the patron, Mr. Waring, who was sick and unable to be in his seat. The bill was passed by a large majority.

Mr. Barclay made a speech on the question of telephones when the bill offered by Mr. Pellock to incorporate the Poplar Hill Telephone Company was up. He offered some amendments which were adopted, and the bill was finally passed by.

CONVENTION BILL.

Mr. McKee, chairman of the Courts of Justice Committee, reported the Constitutional Convention bill, perfected by his committee in accordance with instructions from the House and in conformity with the resolutions passed by that body on the various questions involved.

The bill provides for the election of delegates on the fourth Thursday in May, and the assembling of the convention in Richmond on July 1st.

All persons are eligible to membership in the convention, who are qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly.

The bill provides further that there shall be one hundred and four delegates in the convention, one hundred of which are apportioned according to the basis of the present House and four delegates given (one each) to the following House districts: Buchanan, Dickinson and Wise, Norfolk city, Norfolk county and the district represented in the House by Mr. Madison, composed of several counties and the city of Newport News. Floyd and Giles counties and the district shall have each one delegate. Franklin has one in the House and Floyd and Franklin one together.

The convention is made the judge of the privileges and election of its own members, and the bill provides that it be submitted to the people at the November election should it be completed by October 5th. If not, then at a later period. The per diem of the members is fixed at \$1 and their mileage, the same as that of members of the General Assembly.

SECTION BY SECTION.

The bill was on motion of Mr. Embrey taken up and considered by sections. The clerk began the reading of the bill and Mr. Embrey, in charge, explained the various sections of the measure.

Mr. Madison wanted Newport News

A NEW DEPARTURE.

A New, Effectual and Convenient Cure for Catarrh.

Of catarrh remedies there is no end, but of catarrh cures there has always been a great scarcity. There are many remedies to relieve, but very few that cure.

The old practice of snuffing salt water through the nose would often relieve and the washes, douches, powders and inhalers in common use are very little, if at all, better than the old-fashioned salt-water douche.

The use of inhalers and the application of salves, washes and powders to the nose and throat to cure catarrh is no more successful than the use of the back to cure kidney disease. Catarrh is just as much a blood disease as kidney trouble or rheumatism, and it cannot be cured by local treatment any more than they can be.

To cure catarrh, whether in the head, throat or stomach an internal, antiseptic treatment is necessary to drive the catarrhal poison out of the blood and system, and the new catarrh cure is designed on this plan, and the remarkable success of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets is because being used internally, it drives out catarrh infection through action upon stomach, liver and bowels.

Some of my friends recommended an inhaler, another a catarrh salve, but they were no good in my case. I was anything else until I heard of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and bought a package at my drug store. They benefited me from the start and in less than four months I was completely cured of catarrh, although I suffered nearly all my life from it.

"They are pleasant to take and much more convenient to use than other catarrh remedies that I feel I cannot say enough in their favor. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, in a long time," retorted Mr. Barksdale, and there was uproarious laughter at the expense of the Charlotte Senator.

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given the additional delegate allotted to that district, but he was ruled out of order on the ground that his amendment would create a new district, which was in conflict with the resolution under which the committee had framed the bill.

Mr. Southall moved to amend by giving Norfolk city two instead of three delegates. He made a strong speech, in which he contended that based on population, Norfolk city was not entitled to the increase and he would never vote for it unless other sections were also given additional delegates. He said Norfolk county was entitled to more representation than Norfolk city.

Mr. Whitehead, of Norfolk, made a strong appeal for the report of the committee, and said his city had increased in population to a sufficient extent to warrant the additional delegate.

Mr. Embrey followed Mr. Whitehead, and spoke very ably in favor of the committee's report.

Mr. Southall spoke again in favor of his amendment and it was lost by a vote of 49 to 22.

CROMWELL WANTED ANOTHER.

Mr. Cromwell offered an amendment that Norfolk county have three instead of two delegates. Mr. Embrey spoke against the amendment. Mr. McAllister followed Mr. Embrey, and said the bill brought in had already given Norfolk county more than she was entitled to, when compared with other sections that had increased in population.

Mr. Southall said if Norfolk city was to be given three delegates Norfolk county should have three, for the county had 51,000 inhabitants, when the city had only 47,000.

He was opposed to the inequality of the bill and could not support it.

Mr. Epps wanted to amend by striking out all the additional delegates, but he was ruled out of order.

Mr. Embrey spoke again, and said it was unusual for Mr. Southall to take such an active part in matters so far removed from his section, and his purpose was to secure additional delegates for his own community.

Mr. McKee spoke very ably in behalf of the recommendations of the committee, and explained how the result had been reached after the most careful deliberation upon the subject.

Mr. Willard moved to strike out all the additional delegates, and he was ruled out of order by the Chair (Mr. Ryan). The member from Fairfax appealed for the decision, and a long discussion followed.

Mr. Saunders next spoke and contended that the instructions of the House on this question amounted to nothing, and that it was clearly within the province of the body to amend the bill in the line indicated by Mr. Willard.

Messrs. Pilcher, McKee and Carwell interrupted the speaker with questions, but he continued his speech, contending for the parliamentary rights of the House to amend.

SUPPORTED THE CHAIR.

Mr. Cardwell spoke in support of the opposite view and held that Mr. Willard's amendment was out of order. Mr. Pilcher said the people who were fighting for Mr. Willard's amendment were in favor of a senatorial basis, and having been whipped out, were dying hard. This was denied by his opponents, who said they were contending for the rights of the House.

Mr. Southall spoke for Mr. Willard's amendment.

Mr. McKee supported the Chair and said the House had instructed the committee by resolution on this specific matter, and that he was sure the amendment was out of order.

Mr. Jennings moved to adjourn, but the House refused by a vote of 23 to 19.

Mr. Hubbard characterized the ruling of the Chair as undemocratic, and asked that the House reverse it by supporting Mr. Willard's appeal from its decision.

The Chair was sustained by a vote of 35 to 31, and the House adjourned.

SENATE BILLS PASSED.

To authorize the Board of Supervisors of Frederick county to reimburse the sheriff of said county for money paid out by him for supplies furnished the county jail.

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